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Dear John:

I have been asked by the editor of an Agency quarterly publication devoted to intelligence problems to contribute an article for its May issue on the HBC Monitoring Service. He has presumed rather more than he should have on my firsthand knowledge of the subject. Certainly, if I am to produce anything worthwhile, I shall need to have recourse to a far more authoritative source than my fading memory. Can you help me? I should like some facts and figures, possibly in the form of a brief running account, which would describe the organization and history of the Monitoring Service, personnel, methods of operation, publications and services. Since I should be expected to comment pointedly on the monitoring product as an intelligence contribution, perhaps you could include some specific reference to your service to the Foreign Office. The article will carry an appropriate security classification which will insure its restricted dissemination within the Agency. I shall be most grateful for whatever help you can give me and will certainly see that you have a copy of the finished product.

Although no time has been set for this year's committee meeting, I do know that it will be in Washington and we are all looking forward to your visit. I expect you and Roger will be in communication before long for the purpose of fixing a date and an agenda. On the personal side, I keep pleasantly in touch with you and your family through Joan's letters to Mary Louise. They have been doing rather better than we, haven't they?

I must thank you belatedly for the very handsome and companionable diary which has nostalgic as well as utilitarian value.

Yours sincerely,



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P.S. I could not refrain from enclosing these pitiless parodies of two of your best loved poets, by Englishmen, I believe.